

HODDER DARGAUD PRESENTS



BOOK 15

Asterix

TEXT: GOSCINNY
DRAWINGS: UDERZO

and the GOLDEN SICKLE



UDERZO

Asterix and the Golden Sickle

THE FIERCELY INDEPENDENT LITTLE VILLAGE WHERE ASTERIX AND THE OTHER GAULS LIVE IS AT PEACE...



OBELIX IS HAPPILY AT WORK, CARVING OUT A MENHIR...



CACOPHONIX THE BARD IS GIVING THE CHILDREN LESSONS...

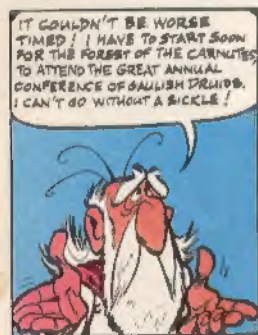


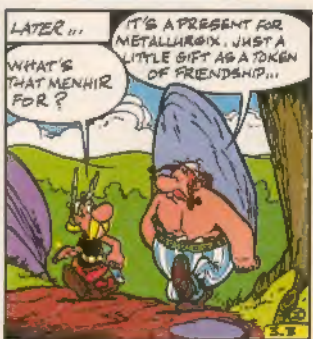
IN SHORT EVERYONE IS CONTENTED. ALL IS PEACE AND PLenty...

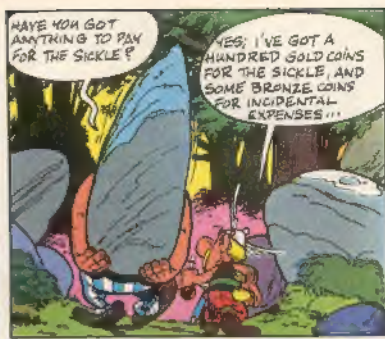


WHEN SUDDENLY...



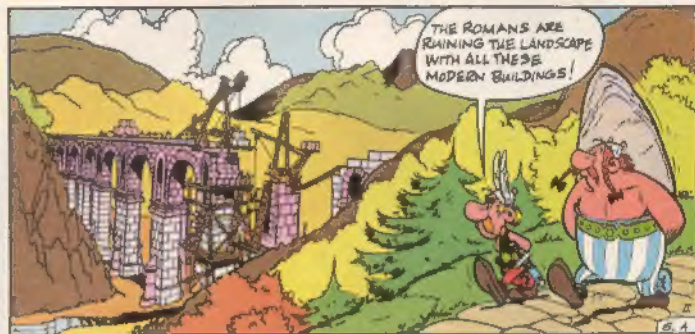








NEXT MORNING...



OUR FRIENDS' JOURNEY PROCEEDS WITHOUT MUCH INCIDENT, APART FROM A FEW SCUFFLES WITH BANDITS...



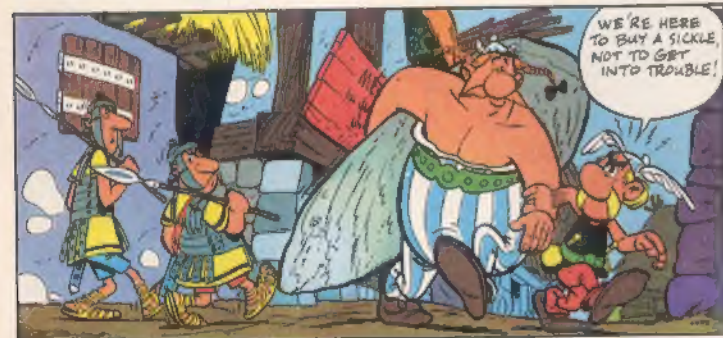
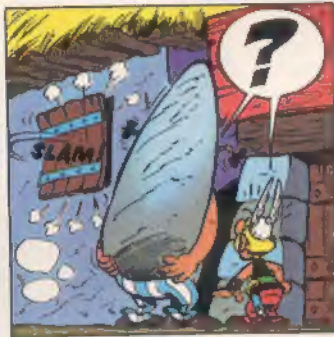
AT SUINDINUM, ASTERIX AND OBELIX ARE UNABLE TO FIND A BED, AS IT HAPPENS TO BE THE DAY OF THE GREAT OX-CART RACE, THE SUINDINUM 24 HOURS...



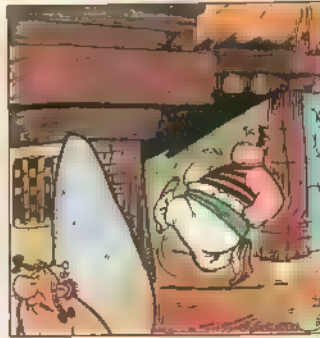
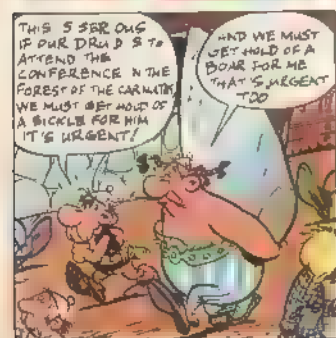
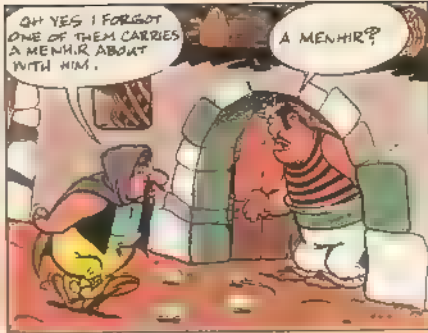
BUT AT LAST, ONE DAY...

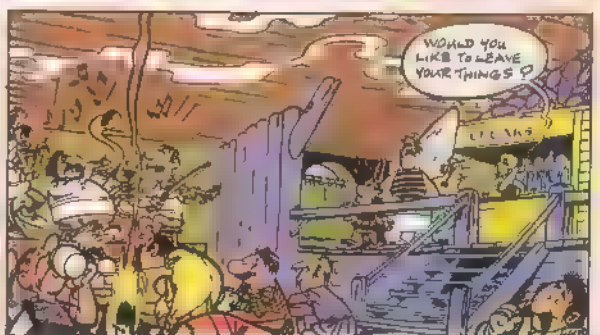
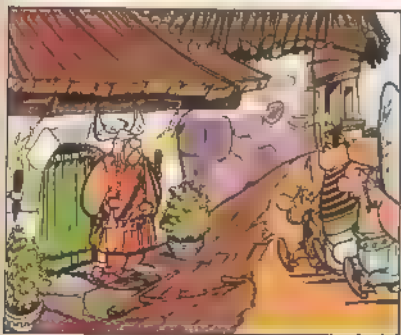
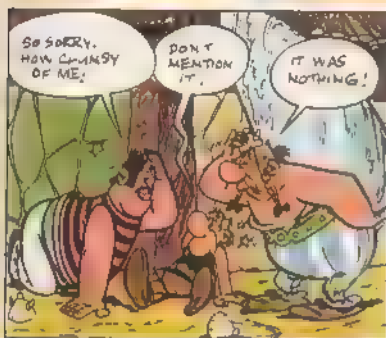
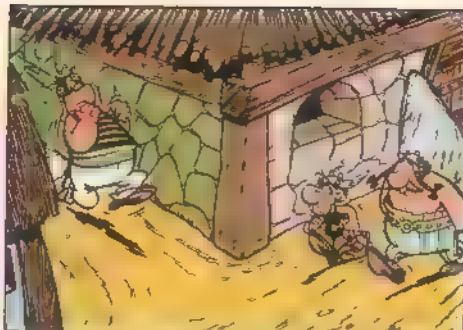


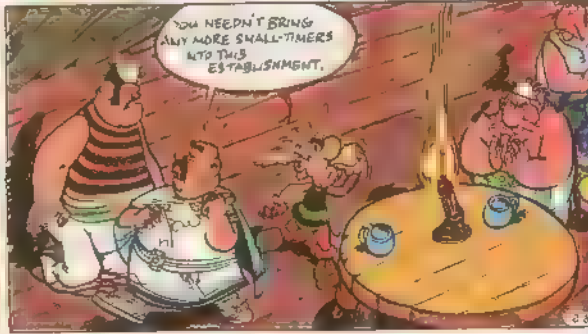
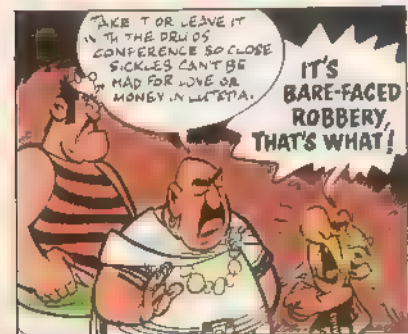
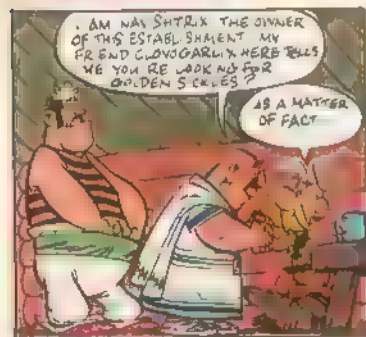
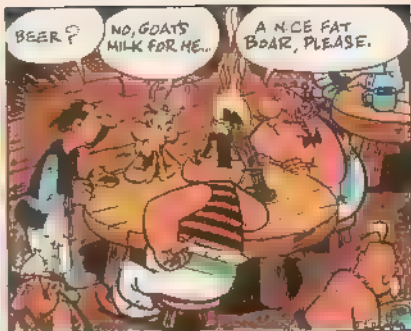


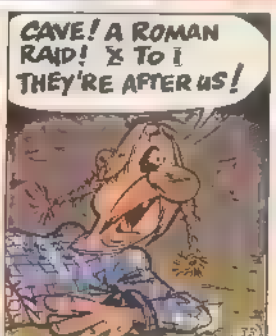
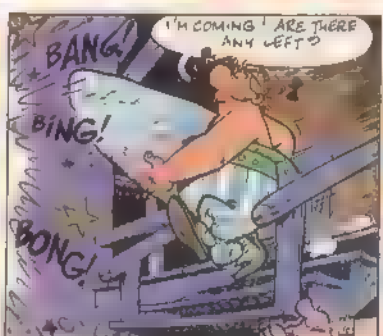
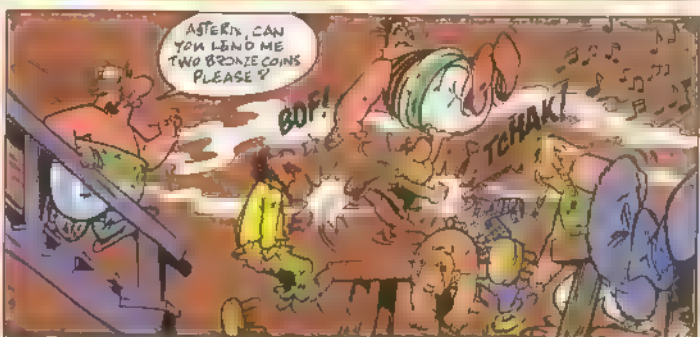
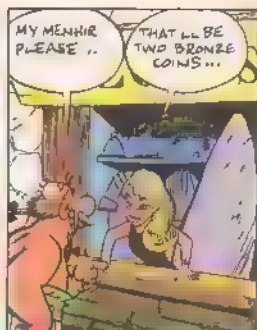


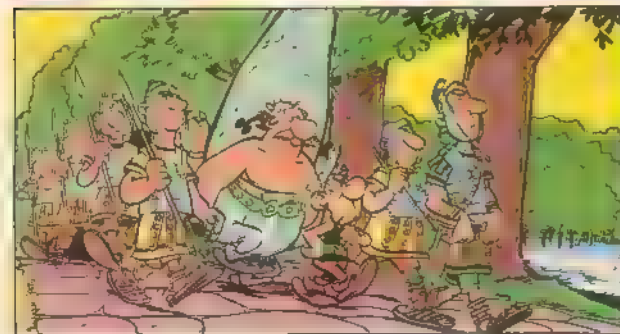
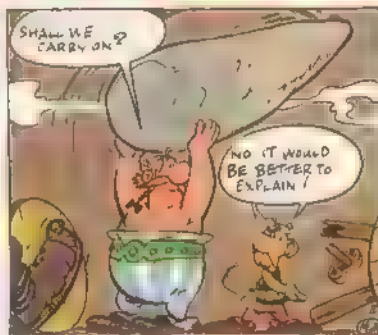


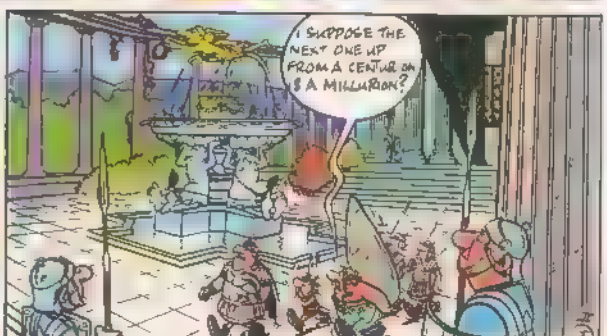
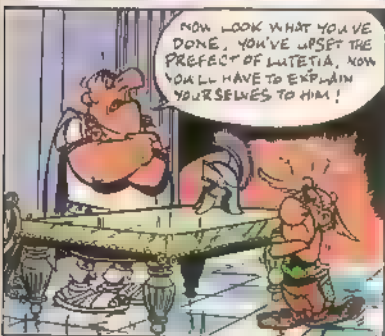
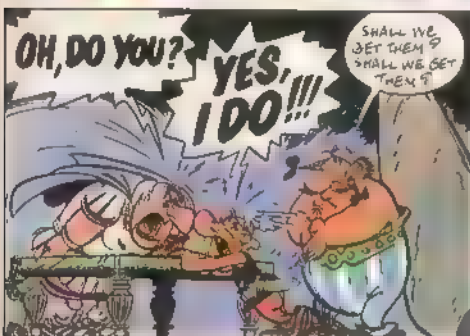
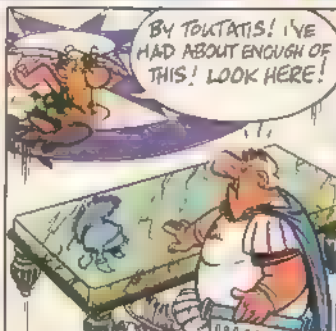
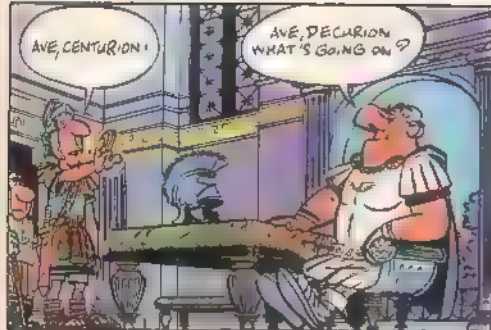


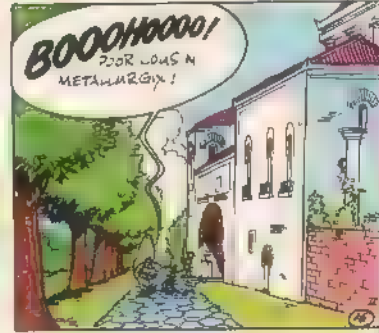
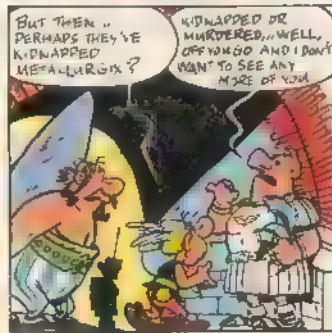
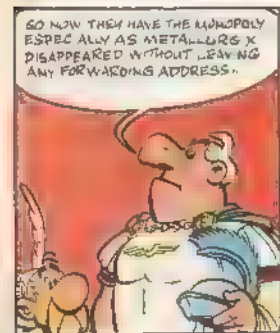
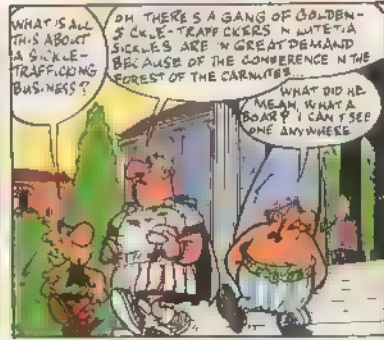
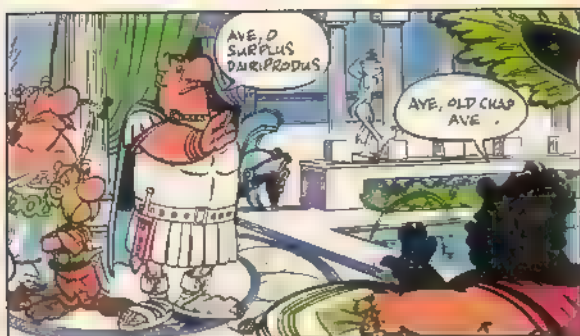


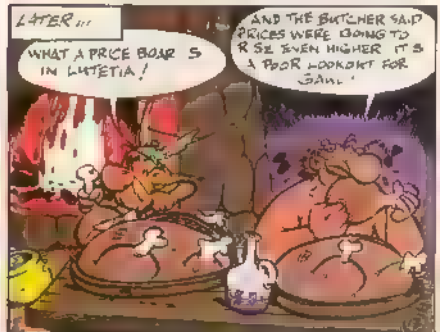
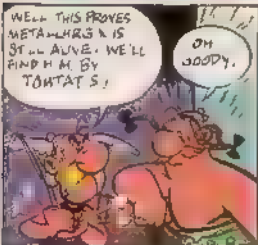
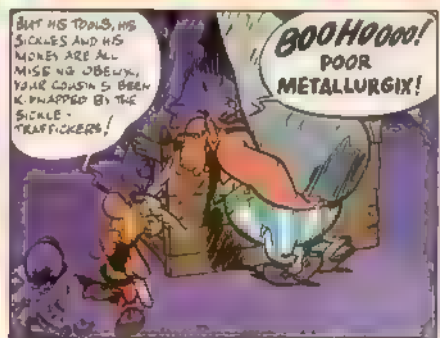
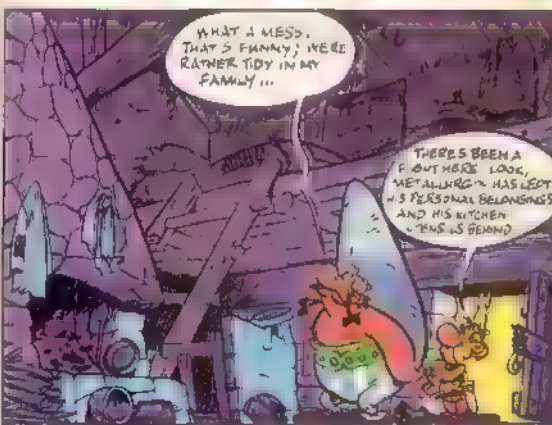
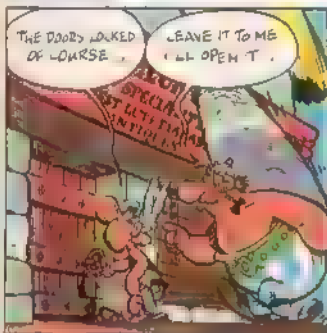
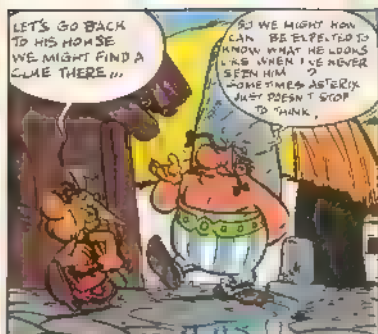
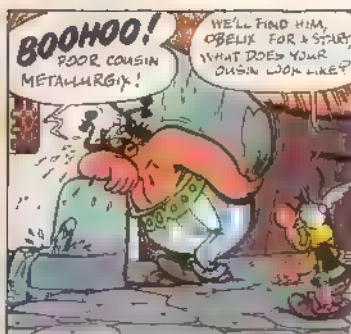












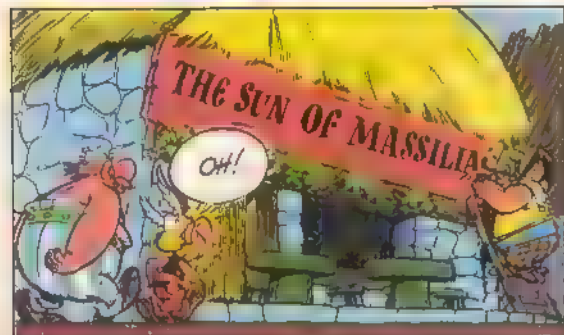
THE SUN RISING ON INTETIA
IS GREETED BY A COCKEREL.

COCK-A-DOODLE-DO!

GET UP, OBEUX!
IT'S TIME TO START
OUR INVESTIGATIONS

THAT'S RIGHT
WE MUST FIND
METHA-WHREN

LET'S GO BACK TO
THAT ARVERNIAN IN
THE WINE SHOP. I'M
SURE HE KNOWS
SOMETHING!



COULD YOU TELL
US WHERE TO
FIND THE ARVERNIAN
WHO...

OH, I EXPECT YOU
MEAN THE FORMER
PROPRIETOR?

THAT CRAZY BAW WHO SOLD
ME THIS PLACE FOR A HANDFUL
OF BRONZE COINS! IT'S UNDER
NEW MANAGEMENT NOW BUT
YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED



I CAN OFFER YOU MY
SPECIALTY: FISH SOUP
MADE OF NICE FRESH FISH
JUST ARRIVED BY OX-CART
FROM MASSILLA!

DO YOU KNOW
WHERE THE
ARVERNIAN HAS GONE?

OH, HE STARTED
FOR GERGOVA THIS
MORNING TRAVELING
BY OX-CART THE SAME
AS THE FISH!

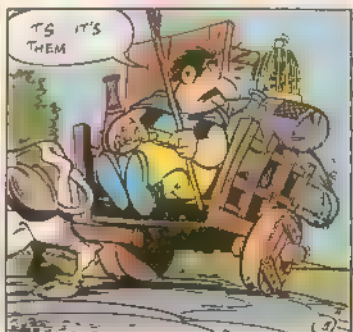
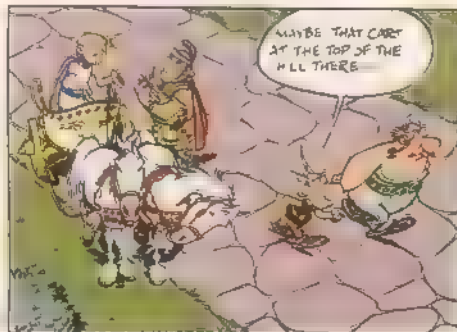
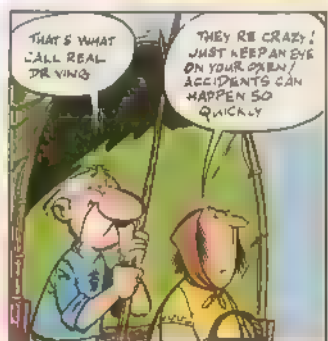
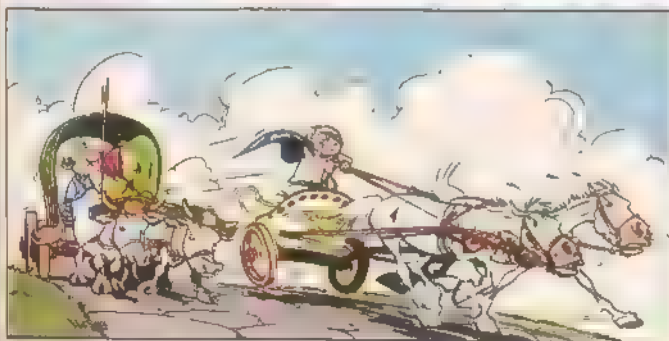
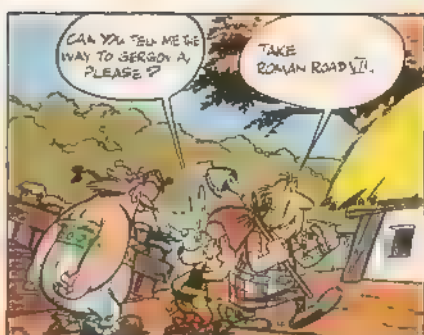
THE SUN OF MASSILLA

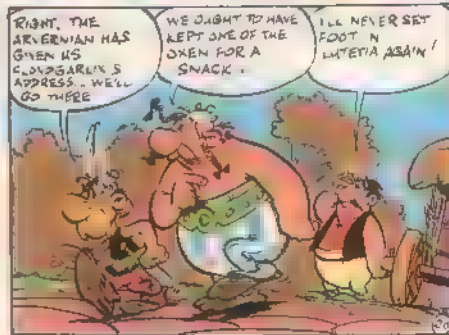
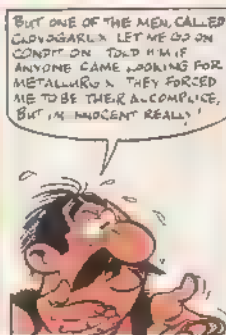
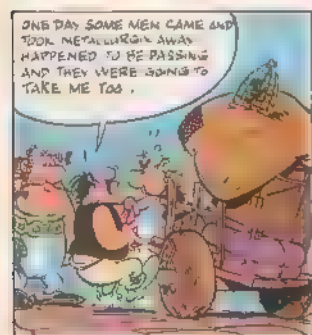
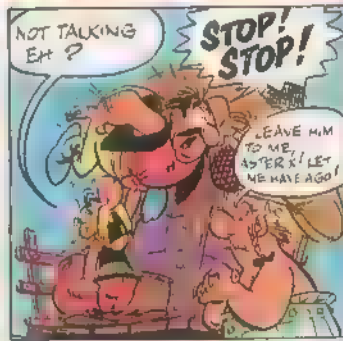
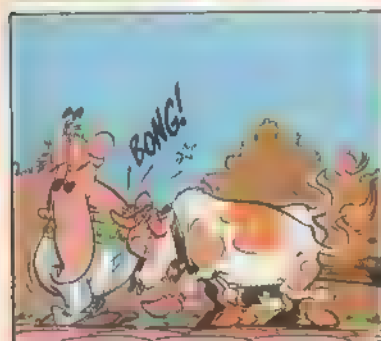
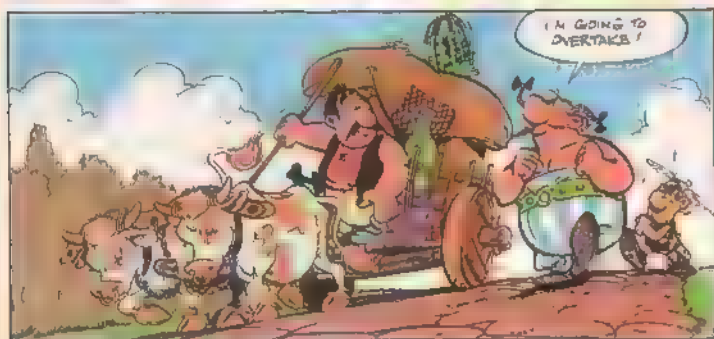
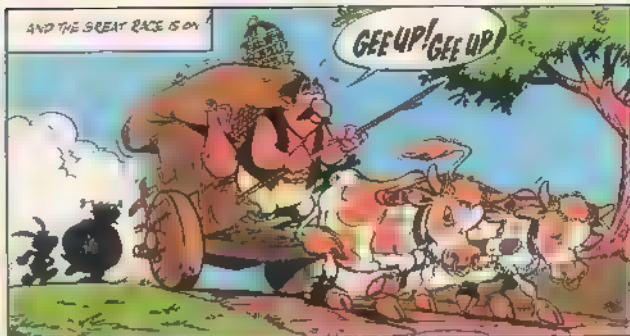
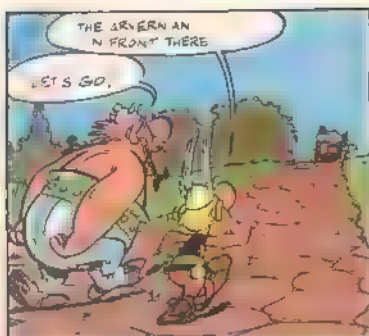
WHAT A SHAME! IF YOU'D
COME A LITTLE SOONER YOU'D
HAVE FOUND HIM STILL HERE!

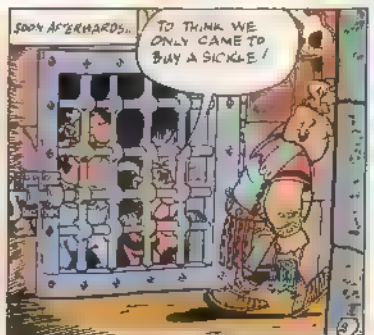
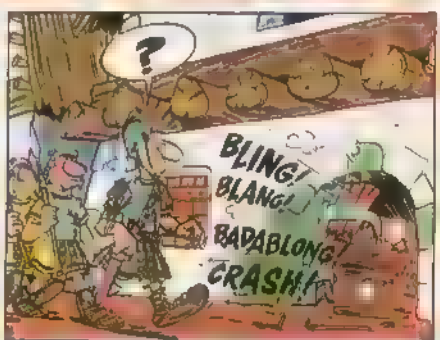
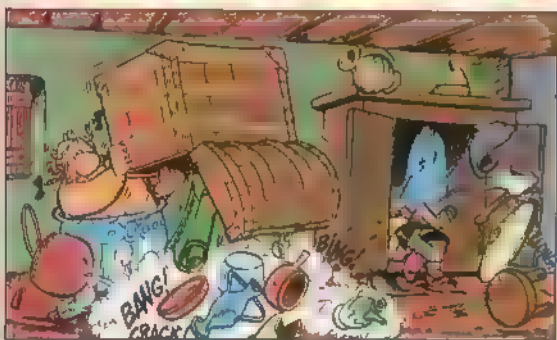
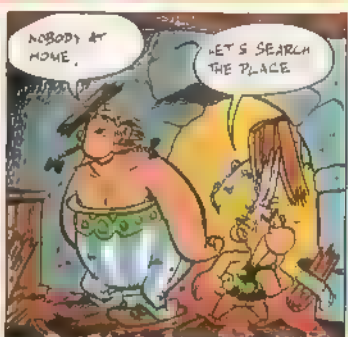
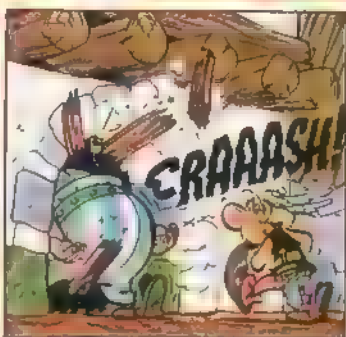
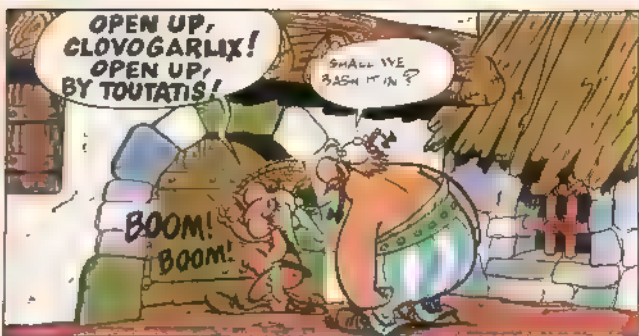
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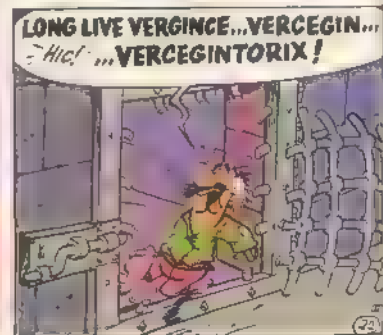
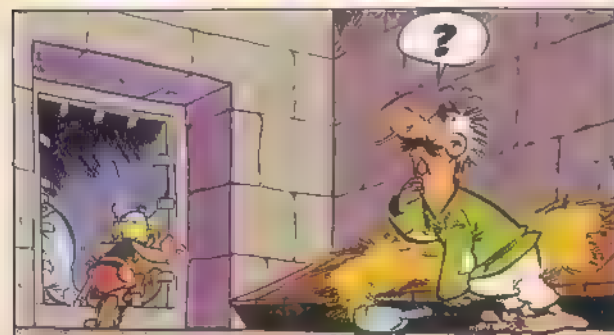
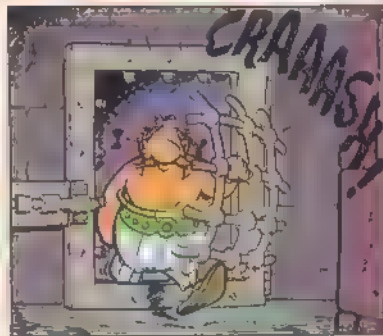
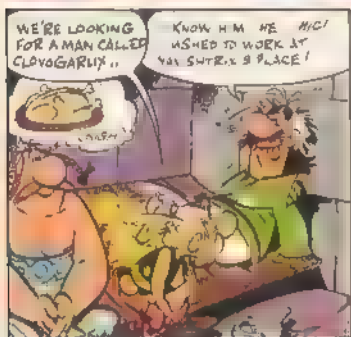
ALL THESE INTETIAN'S
ARE CRAZY,
BY BELISANA!

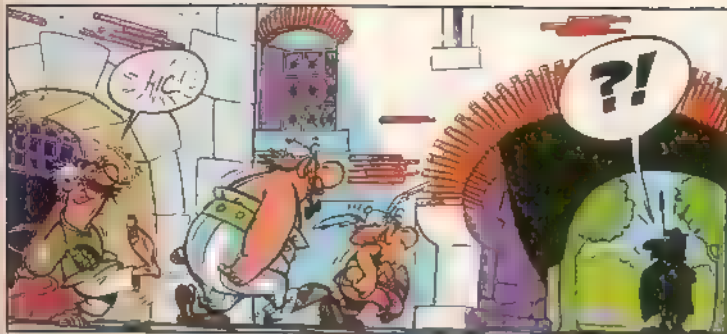








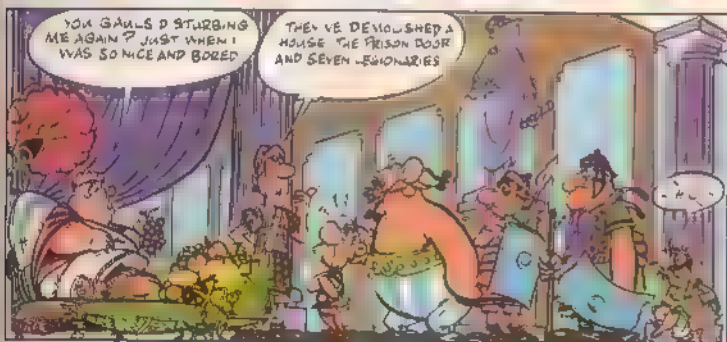




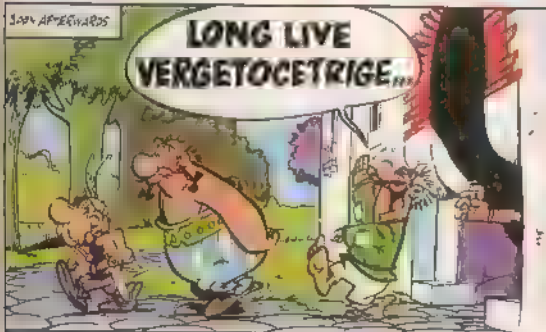
HELP! RAISE THE ALARM! THE PRISONERS ARE ESCAPING!



STOP BY MERCY! MY MASTER THE PERFECT IS COMPLAINING ABOUT THE NOISE HE ORDERS YOU TO DO AND EXPLAIN WHAT'S HAPPENING



FIND THAT ALMOST AMUSING. IT'S QUITE GOOD AS A REWARD I SHALL SET THESE TWO GAULS FREE!



LONG LIVE VERGETOCETRIGE...

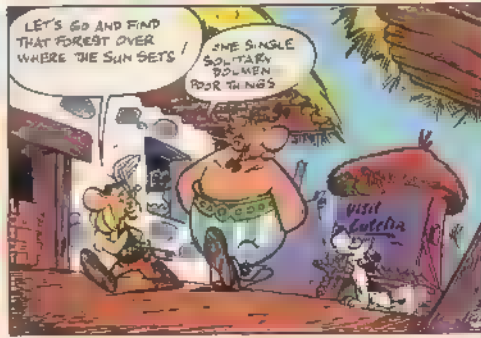
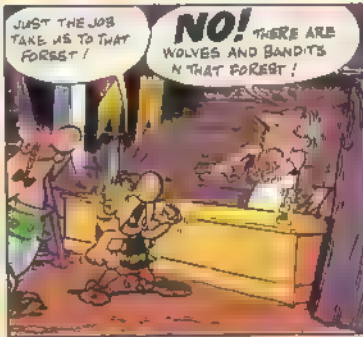
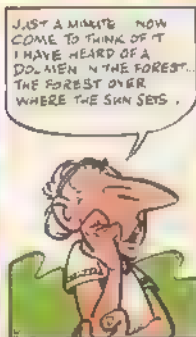
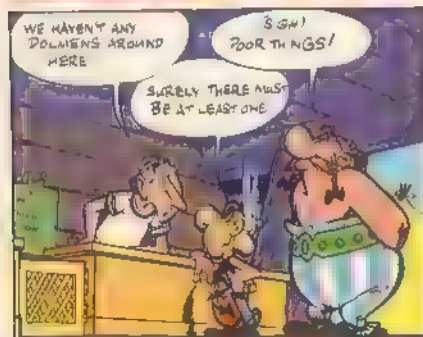
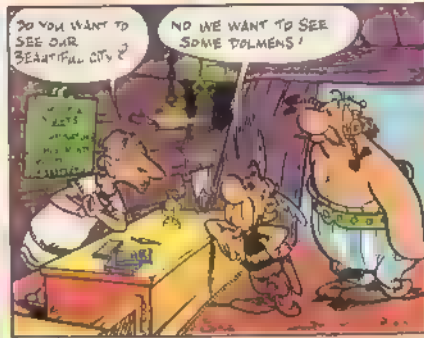


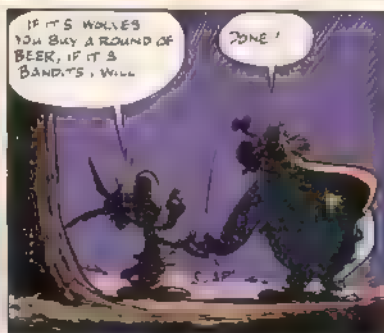
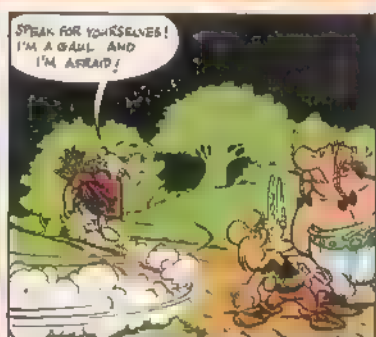
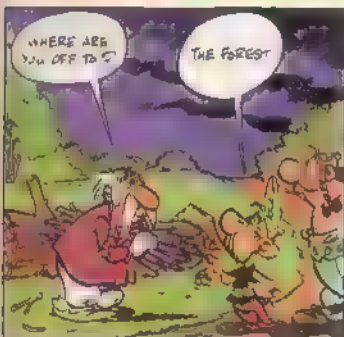
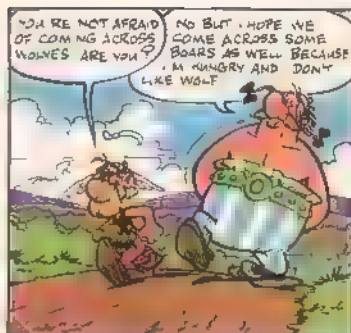
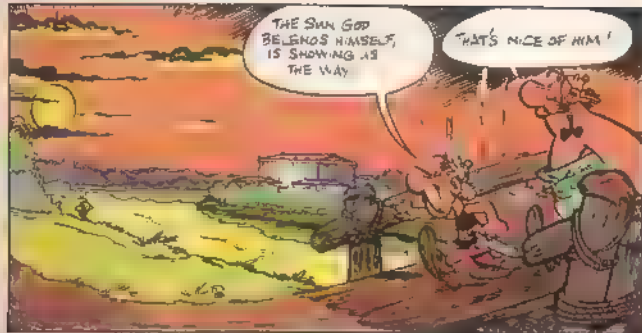


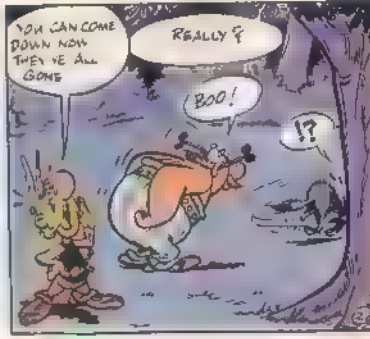
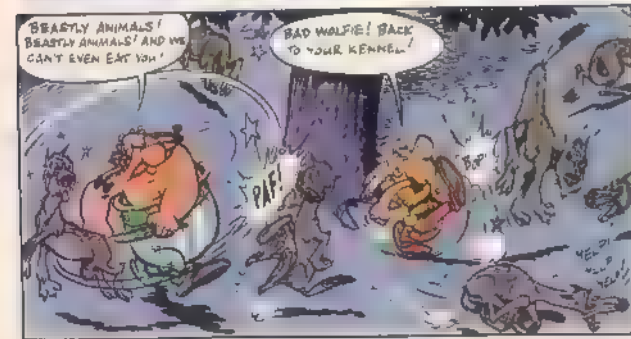
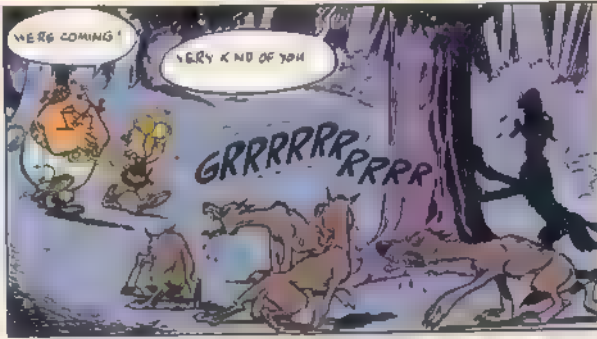
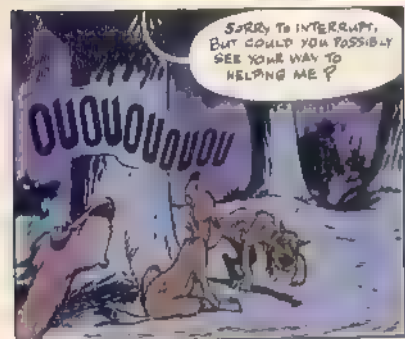
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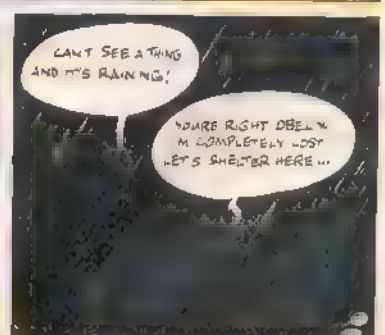
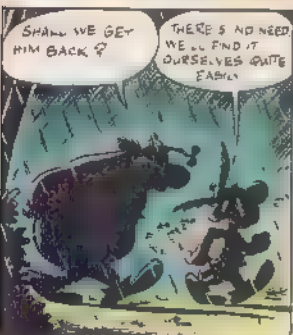
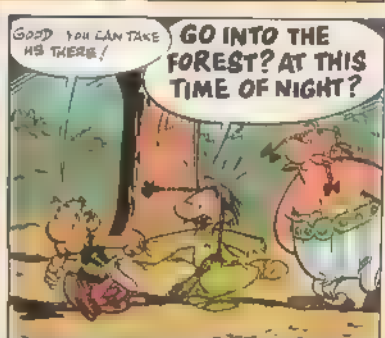
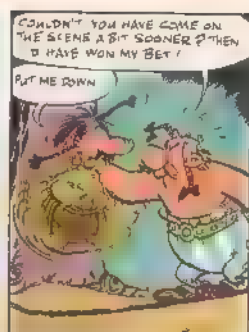
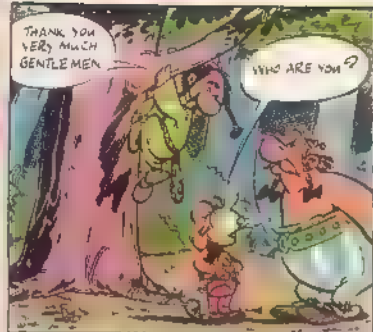


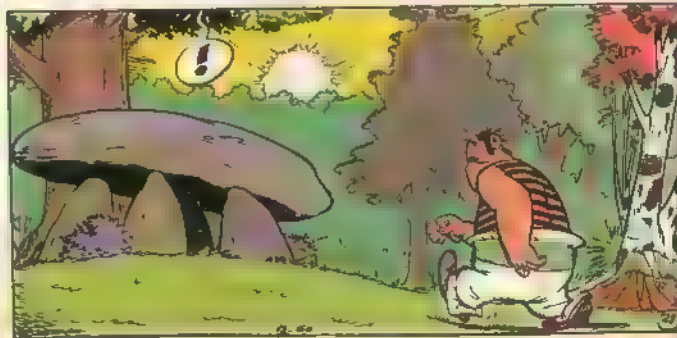
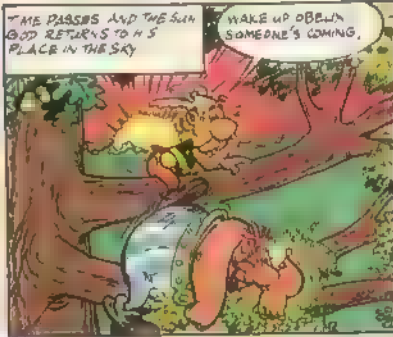
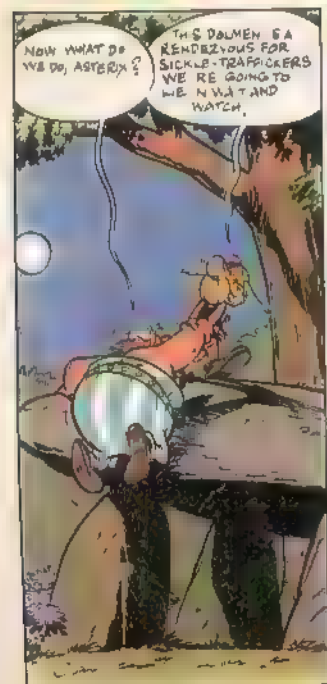
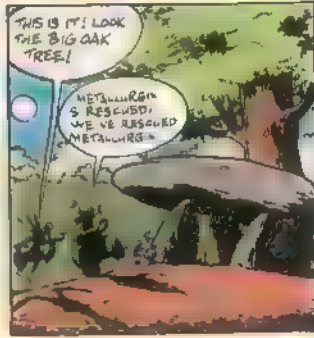
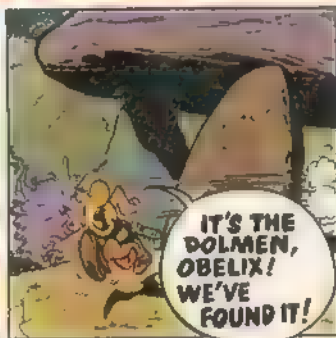
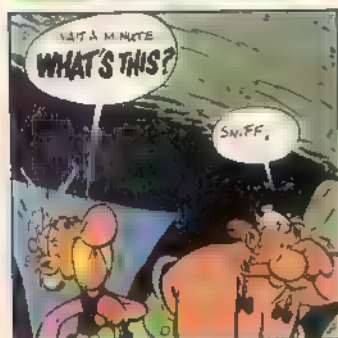
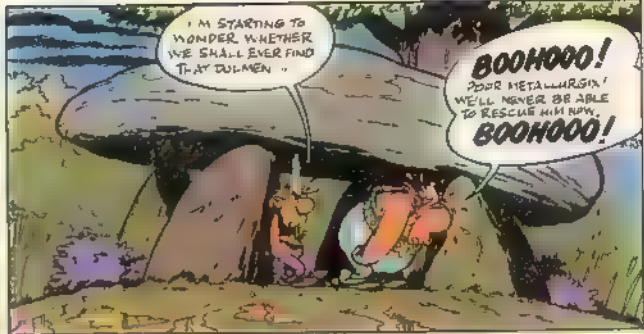
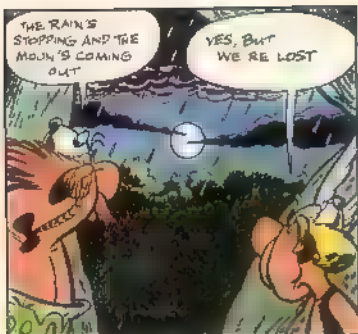
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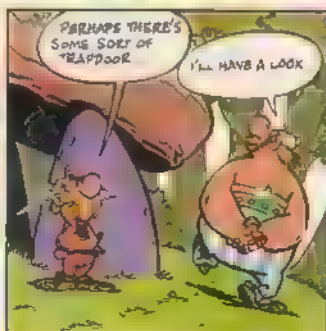
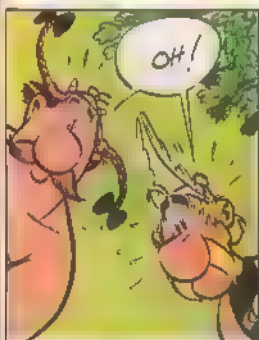


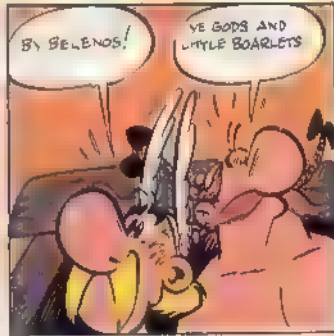
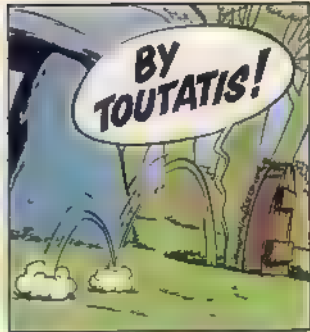
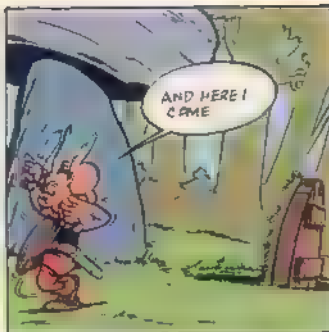




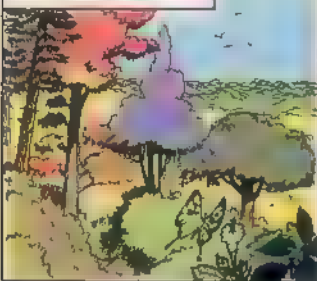








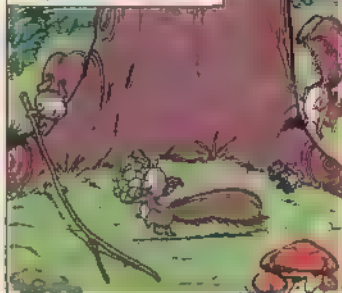
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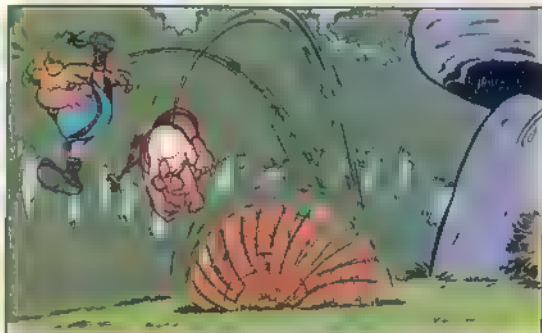
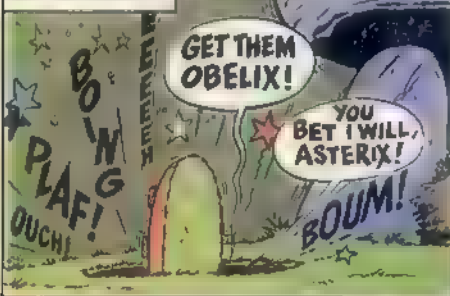
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THE LEAFY BRANCHES

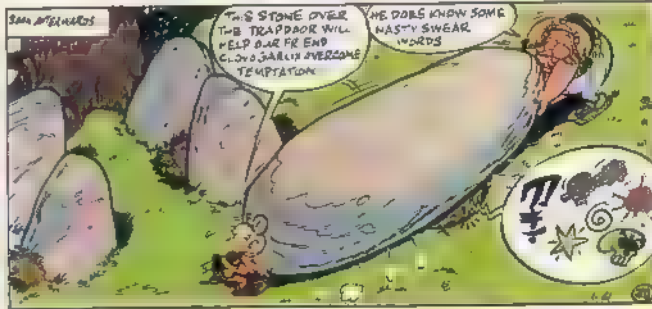
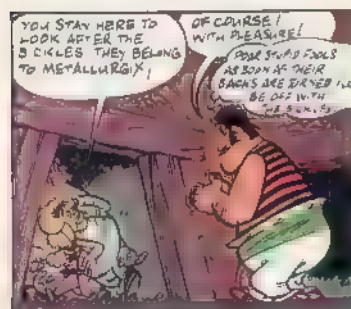
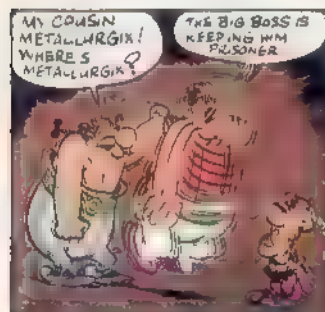
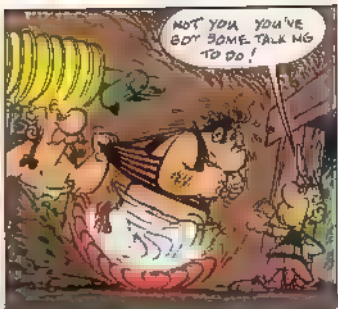


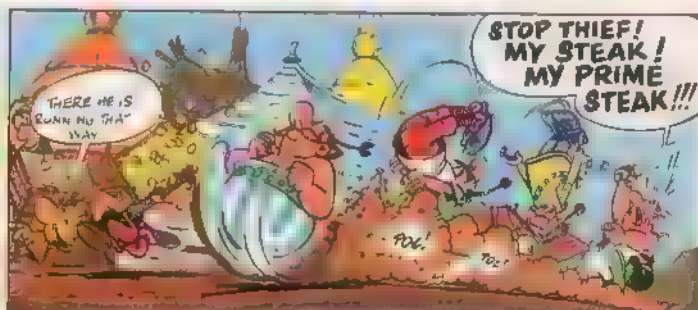
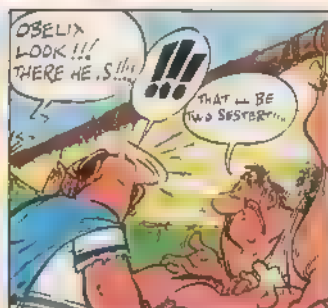
SQUAKS ARE PLAY ON
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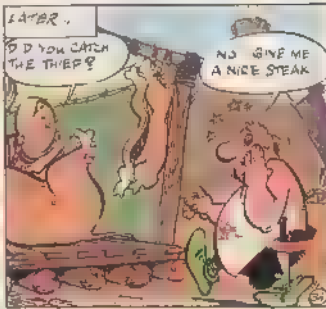
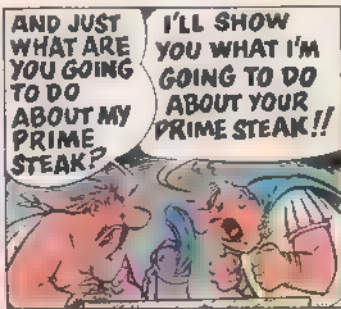
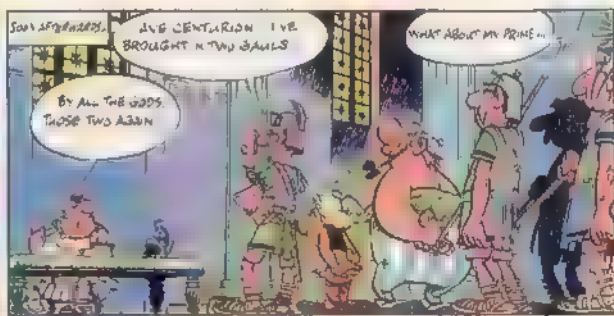
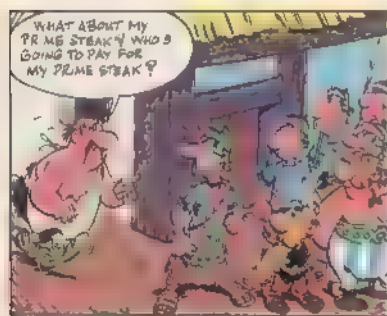
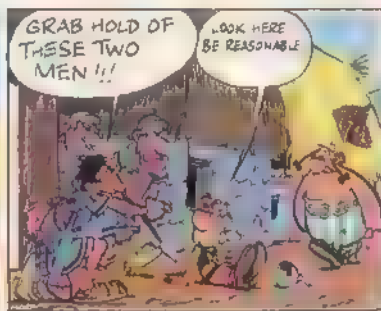
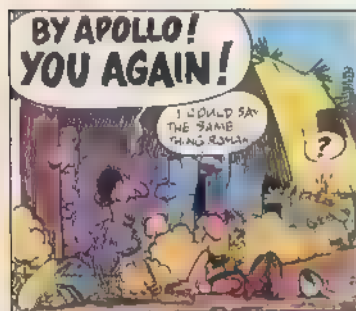
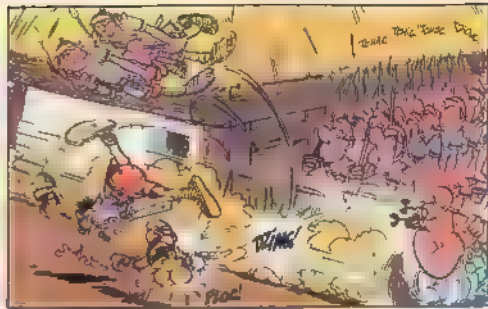
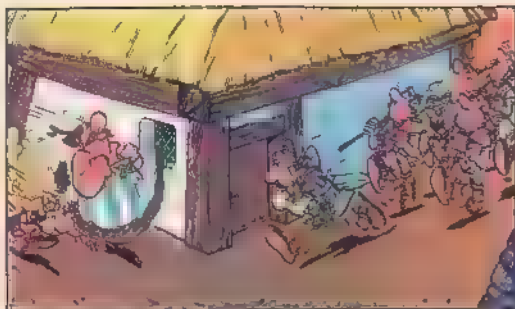


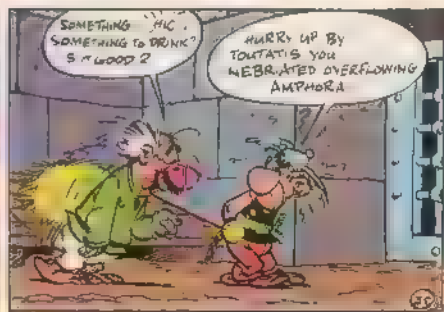
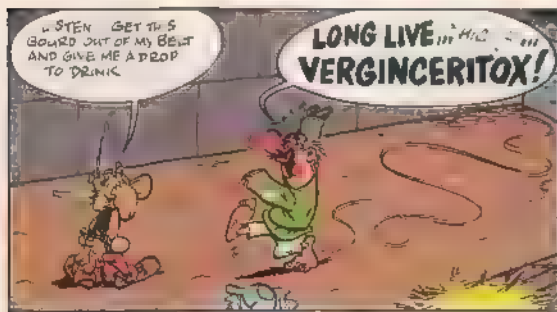
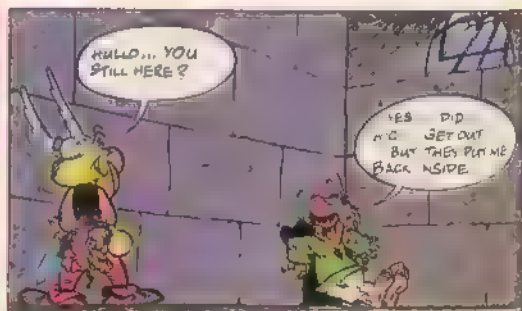
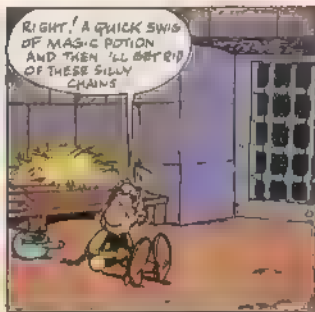
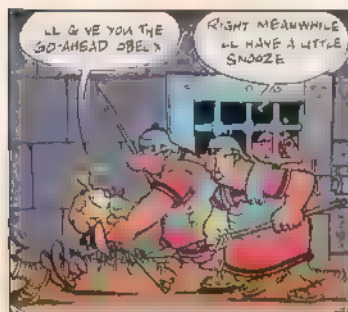
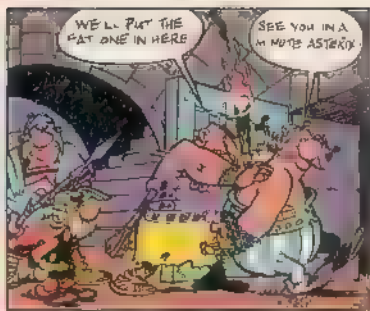
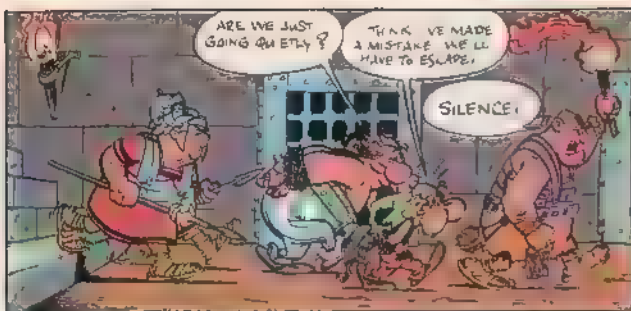
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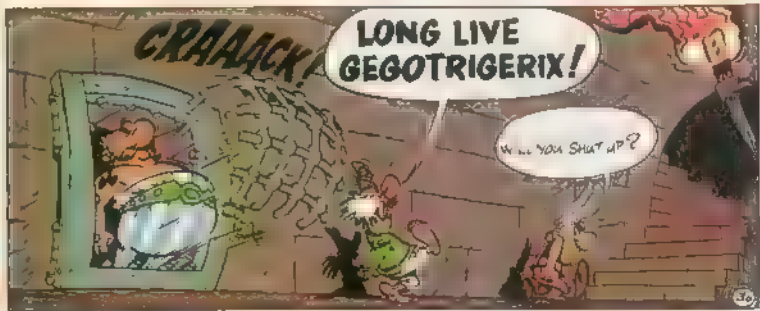
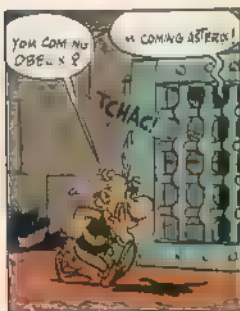
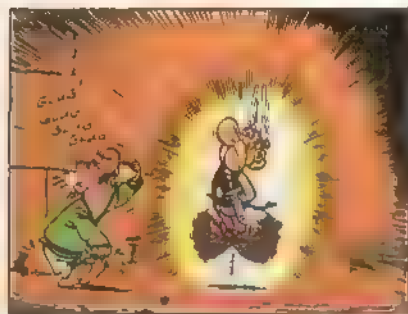


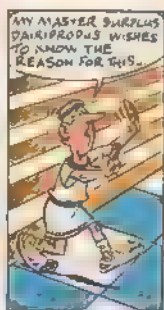
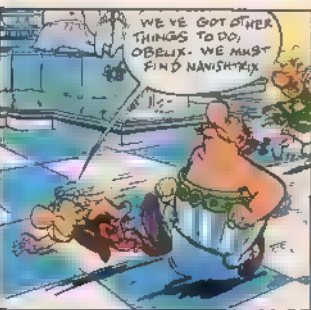


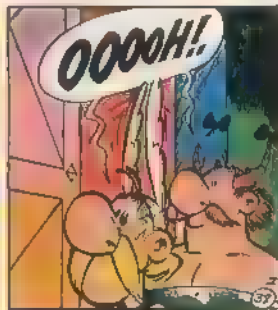
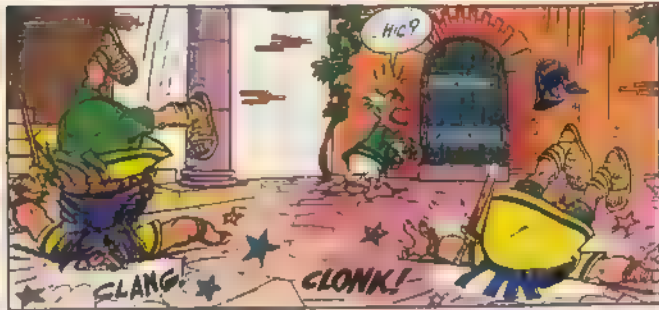
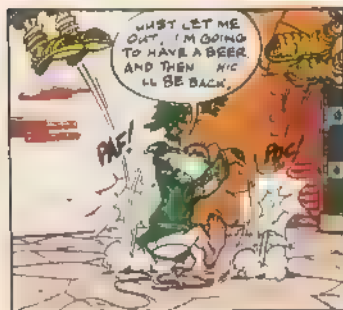


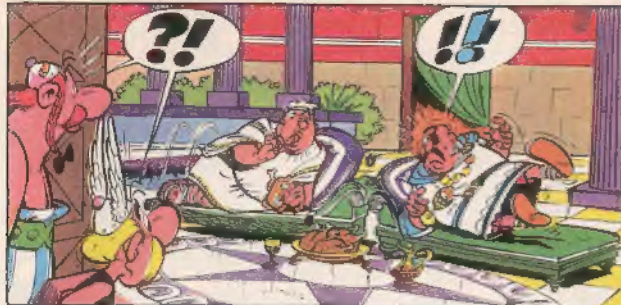


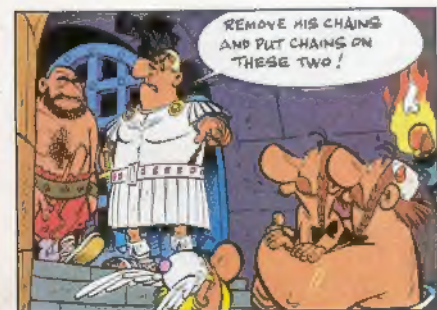
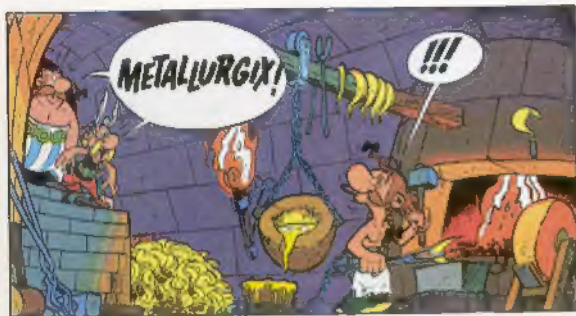


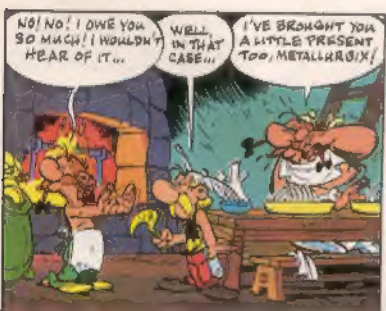












WITH THEIR GOLDEN SICKLE AT LAST,
OUR TWO FRIENDS LEAVE LUTETIA
FOR AN UNEVENTFUL JOURNEY...



I LOVE LUTETIA
IN THE
SPRINGTIME

APART FROM A FEW
RASH BANDITS...



I TELL YOU,
THE SKY HAS
FALLEN ON OUR
HEADS!

...A FEW FOOLHARDY BARBARIANS...

COME ALONG,
OBELIX! DON'T
DANGLE!

Zat vos kein
vice zink to
de!
Nein, it
nicht vos!



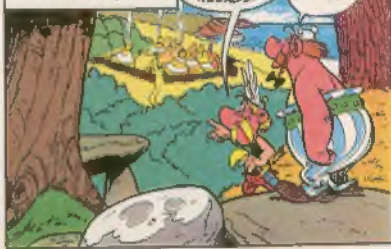
...AND SEVERAL
CARELESS WILD BOAR...



...THEIR JOURNEY,
AS WE SAID, WAS
UNEVENTFUL!

LOOK,
OBELIX,
THERE'S OUR
VILLAGE!

GREAT!



COME ON, EVERYONE!
ASTERIX AND OBELIX
ARE BACK!

THEY'LL BE
ABLE TO TELL
US WHAT'S BEING
WORN IN LUTETIA
THIS SEASON!



WELCOME BACK
BRAVE
WARRIORS!

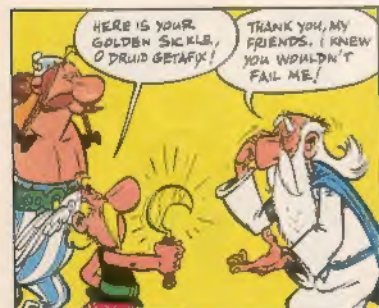
I WILL NOW COMPOSE
AN ODE FOR THIS
GLORIOUS OCCASION!

JUST YOU TRY IT!



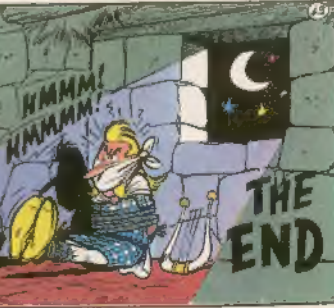
HERE IS YOUR
GOLDEN SICKLE,
O DRUID GETAFIX!

THANK YOU, MY
FRIENDS. I KNEW
YOU WOULDN'T
FAIL ME!



ALL OUR FRIENDS GATHER TOGETHER
FOR A GREAT FEAST TO CELEBRATE
THE RETURN OF THE HEROES WITH
THE BEAUTIFUL GOLDEN SICKLE WHICH WILL
BRING SURVIVAL AND FAME TO THE VILLAGES...

THAT'S FUNNY.
OUR BARD CALOPHONY
HASN'T TURNED UP TO SING
US ONE OF HIS ODES!



MMMM!
MMMM!

THE
END